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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st March, 1954 -

Males - 328,735

Females - 308,694

Persons - 637,429

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1953 -

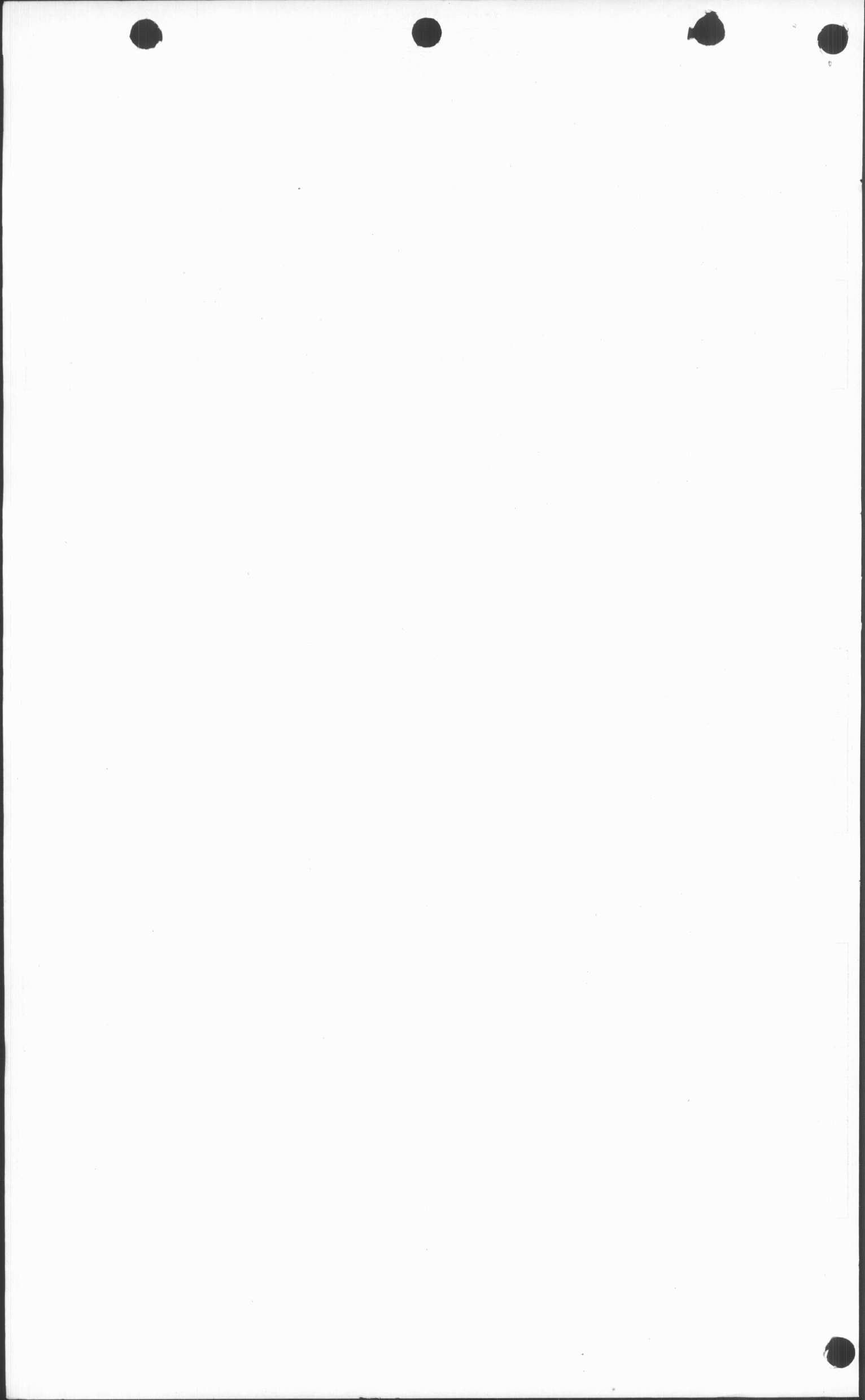
Persons - 358,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	MAY		5 Months Ended MAY	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Marriages - Number	417	380	2,373	2,227
*Rate per 1000 of Population	7.70	7.22	9.02	8.72
Births - Number	1,319	1,282	6,450	6,595
*Rate per 1000 of Population	24.34	24.35	24.51	25.81
Deaths - Number	413	398	1,974	1,884
*Rate per 1000 of Population	7.62	7.56	7.50	7.37
Infant - Number	23	33	122	162
Mortality *Rate per 1000 Live Births	17.44	25.74	18.91	24.56
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis	6	5	15	22
Malignant neoplasms	54	54	315	308
Diabetes mellitus	3	-	16	11
Diseases of blood etc.	2	-	12	5
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	43	39	223	186
Diseases of the heart	130	132	585	556
Hypertension with heart disease	11	10	51	52
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	11	8	33	33
Arteriosclerosis	9	13	59	62
Influenza	1	2	2	4
Pneumonia	15	21	60	64
Bronchitis	2	5	10	15
Other respiratory disease	5	5	21	12
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	2	21	18
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	3	14	13
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	-	4	3
Cirrhosis of the liver	5	1	8	6
Nephritis and nephrosis	7	7	31	26
Diseases of the prostate	7	4	17	16
Maternal causes	1	-	5	4
Diseases of early infancy	16	22	77	99
Motor Vehicle accidents	15	18	65	80
Other accidents	11	15	93	91
Suicide	5	4	28	20
All other causes	50	28	209	178
Total.	413	398	1,974	1,884

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.



LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the six months ended June, 1954 totalled 553,811 acres, a decrease of 47,812 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 2,734,301 acres, an increase of 1,230,796.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of JUNE		Twelve Months Ended JUNE	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	5,379,390	4,680,923	43,145,840	38,884,236
Revenue per Head of Population	£8. 8. 4	£7. 10. 8	£68. 4. 6	£63. 9. 2
Expenditure	4,467,873	3,894,132	43,248,519	39,392,119
Expenditure per Head of Population	£6.19. 10	£6. 5. 4	£68. 7. 9	£64. 5. 9

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances on the 30th June, 1954 amounted to £52,614,379 or £82. 4. 2d. per head of population as against £47,170,835 or £75. 16. 3d. per head as at the 30th June last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the 5 weeks ended 30th June, 1954 amounted to £13,011,178 compared with £11,008,498 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		JUNE		12 Months Ended JUNE	
		1954	1953	1954	1953
Transfers	No.	2,463	1,817	24,908	20,774
	£.	3,415,770	2,519,566	36,959,751	25,309,935
Mortgages	No.	1,808	1,632	20,328	15,878
	£.	3,240,477	2,328,688	33,034,372	22,829,792
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,063	1,100	13,055	11,295

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Twelve months ended JUNE, 1954	41,867,720	25,494,818	96,932,241	5,870,147
Twelve months ended JUNE, 1953	35,631,720	25,282,620	84,922,076	5,401,064
Month of JUNE, 1954	3,686,691	1,938,250	9,716,671	434,395
Month of JUNE, 1953	3,392,629	1,723,606	8,888,309	506,346

COMPANIES REGISTERED

219 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £15,394,103 and 86 Foreign Companies were registered during the twelve months ended June, 1954. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 132 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,206,267 and 65 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Twelve months ended JUNE					
	1954			1953		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	51	143,379	98,094	38	131,814	69,591
Deeds of Assignment (a)	23	206,065	261,857	27	199,024	212,290
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	MAY		11 Months Ended MAY -	
	1954	1953	1954	1953 /
Gross Earnings (a) * £.	1,056,700	840,200	10,386,235	7,244,100
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,215,681	1,189,807	12,577,479	11,169,487
Train Miles Run No.	626,824	592,324	6,599,329	4,703,912
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 151,312	(b) 167,451	(c) 1,671,997	(c) 1,792,230
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	953,722	947,420	7,995,409	5,763,155
Motor Bus No.	34,404	57,938	492,183	587,618
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	291,113	282,259	2,811,214	2,254,503
Livestock	6,734	7,975	114,831	121,425
Departmental (Free Freight)	78,567	70,104	744,209	590,072
<u>Total.</u>	376,414	360,338	3,670,254	2,966,000
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	46,901,713	46,602,122	476,350,201	356,081,726
Livestock	746,061	1,019,673	14,787,574	15,334,855
Departmental (Free Freight)	9,016,025	8,605,374	100,912,669	78,679,763
<u>Total.</u>	56,663,799	56,227,169	592,050,444	450,096,344

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 1st May.

(c) Period ended 1st May.

* Figures liable to revision.

/ Figures reflect Metal Trade Strike.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,152	5,015	76	1,239
1954 -								
January	384	126	11	68	669	337	13	108
February	409	191	5	66	724	461	8	102
March.	405	176	3	70	724	476	4	113
April	516	166	7	77	907	453	9	129
May	538	190	-	47	951	500	4	91

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) /

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1952 -								
June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
1953 -								
June	41,231	18,394	537	9,855	69,833	54,639	1,035	15,559
December	44,513	19,429	567	9,817	73,825	55,782	1,071	15,022
1954 -								
January	44,889	19,556	577	9,798	73,329	54,141	1,022	14,345
February	45,135	19,687	583	9,787	74,505	55,735	1,086	14,727
March	45,339	19,726	585	9,757	75,443	56,628	1,093	14,963
April	45,790	19,862	591	9,767	76,142	56,760	1,099	14,892
May	46,097	19,929	591	9,685	77,335	57,764	1,106	15,041

/ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for May, 1954:-
95 Cars; 757 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 7 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, May 1954 and 1953, and eleven months ended May 1954 and 1953, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	MAY		11 Months ended MAY		MAY		11 Months ended MAY	
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Interstate	3,494	2,286	38,441	27,625	5,314	6,367	68,285	32,607
	6,178	6,474	74,270	61,897	2,008	1,024	18,080	21,654
Total.	9,672	8,760	112,711	89,522	7,322	7,391	86,365	104,261

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954 - March Qr.	715	1,827	944	2,491	22	313	163	990	1,844	5,621

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION (Including Owner-Built Homes)

Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls										
Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly, Wood		Fibro-Cement or mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total		
No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	
	£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000	
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,814	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954 - March Qr.	568	1,895	82	215	970	2,115	1	1	1,621	4,226

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES

1,012,893 lbs. were produced during June, 1954 and 14,027,599 lbs. for the twelve months ended June, 1954, as against 851,635 lbs. and 14,411,212 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1953.

GOLD PRODUCTION

	JUNE		6 Months Ended JUNE	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Quantity Fine Ozs.	66,055	64,334	430,923	409,160
Value (Aust. Currency) * £.	1,032,110	996,635	6,693,269	6,338,562

* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the six months ended June, 1954 amounted to £688,571. Dividends for the corresponding period of 1953 were £529,255.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	JUNE QUARTER		Twelve Months Ended JUNE		JUNE QUARTER		Twelve Months Ended JUNE	
	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953
Metropolitan Area	2832	2594	2727	2493	2475	2290	2366	2245
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	2899	2725	2822	2677	2418	2358	2392	2334
Northam	2807	2610	2724	2550	2395	2310	2357	2270
Bunbury	2849	2603	2757	2538	2403	2298	2365	2268
Geraldton	2852	2678	2793	2607	2550	2415	2476	2380
Collie	2878	2623	2791	2561	2292	2198	2258	2162

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

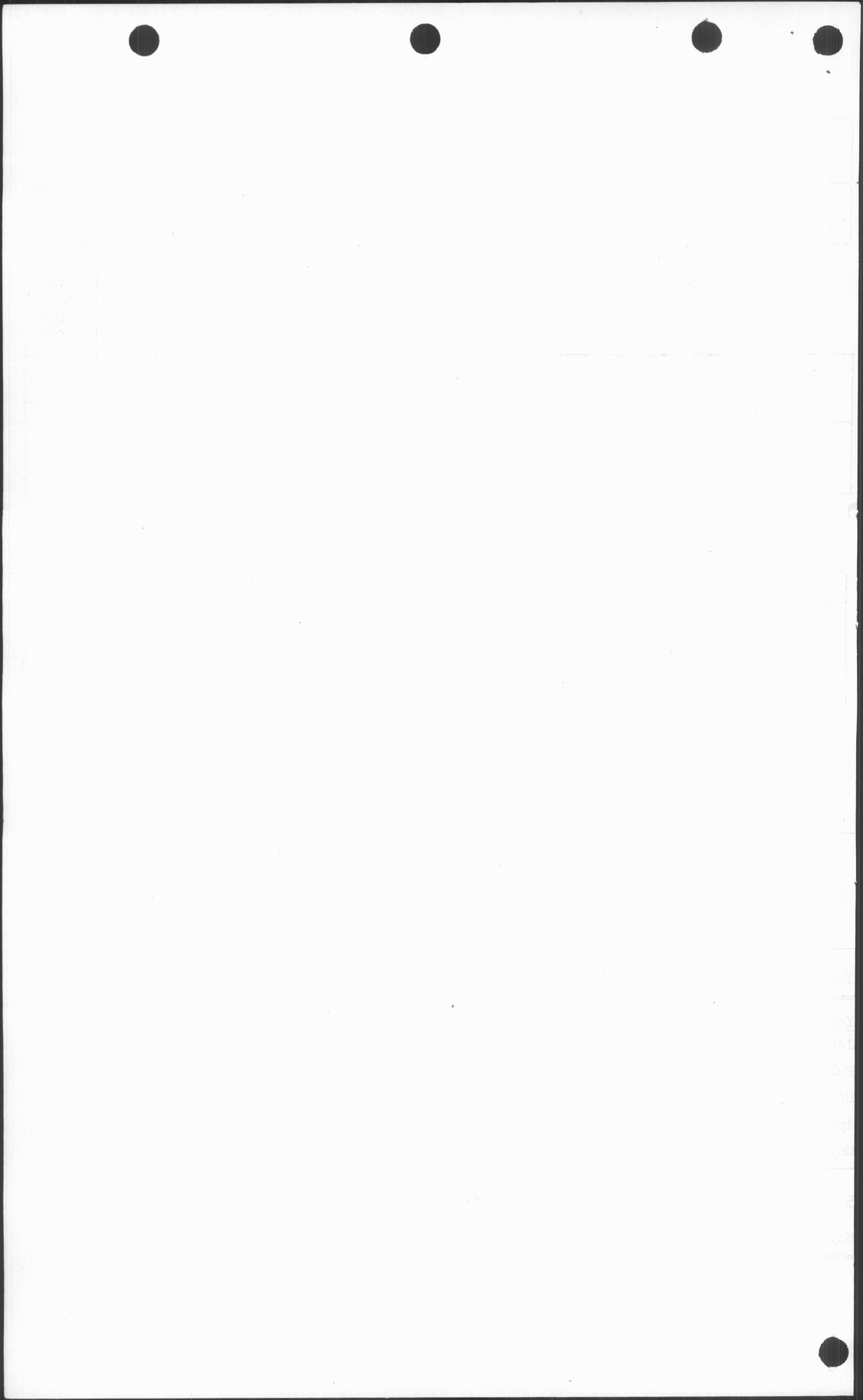
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Month	1953			1954		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	127,573	39,805	167,378	133,021	41,620	174,641
February	128,682	40,835	169,517	133,165	42,375	175,540
March	129,232	41,012	170,244	133,924	42,595	176,519
April	129,666	41,211	170,877	133,517	42,811	176,328
May	129,673	41,189	170,862	134,347	42,768	177,115
June	130,185	41,029	171,214			
July	130,540	41,132	171,672			
August	130,351	41,296	171,647			
September	130,899	41,443	172,342			
October	131,392	41,824	173,216			
November	131,948	42,192	174,140			
December	132,572	42,634	175,206			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
January	194	208	214	213	223
February	197	212	216	217	223
March	200	215	216	220	225
April	200	215	215	221	224
May	203	216	214	222	224
June	202	215	211	220	
July	204	218	211	220	
August	204	217	212	220	
September	204	216	211	220	
October	206	217	212	221	
November	207	217	213	222	
December	207	215	213	223	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953 are preliminary.



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STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
27/7/53	12. 6. 6	8. 0. 3	12. 6. 0	7. 19. 11	12. 9. 4	8. 2. 1

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	JUNE		Twelve months ended JUNE	
	1954	1953	1954	1953
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	36,797	31,802	400,776	350,188
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	32,827	28,299	368,723	310,605

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
June, 1954	15,662	458	56,586	7,108
June, 1953	16,118	465	49,813	7,880
12 Months ended June, 1954	117,623	5,395	1,035,746	104,439
12 Months ended June, 1953	102,216	6,113	1,340,677	111,485

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less.)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954										
January	312	139	168	62	480	201	5	6	231	100
February	303	120	175	63	478	183	10	8	222	99
March	333	106	206	97	539	203	4	9	263	132
April	385	155	226	78	611	233	6	6	265	116
May	445	142	211	67	656	209	11	5	266	93
Total 5 Months Ended May, 1954	1,778	662	986	367	2,764	1,029	36	34	1,247	540

